

Minutes of Southeast PTO

April 26, 2004

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Call to Order: 7:12 pm

In Attendance: Jean Phillips, Stacey Fulton, Dawn Rawlinson, Norma Fisher Doiron, Margie Ouimette, Juliana Barrett, Kim O'Keefe, Linda Blum, Kate Cox, Linda Sydie, Edmond Chibeau, Margaret Morrison, Natalie Miniutti

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was discussed and accepted. Field trip money was discussed and we need to watch those expenditures for the remainder of this year. Museum passes for the Peabody Museum have been purchased and are available at the Mansfield Public Library.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from March 1, 2004 were accepted with one change (change Title I speaker to Type I speaker).

Principal's Report: Norma Fisher-Doiron
The Calendar of Events for May/June was passed around and discussed.

Mansfield Schools have been asked to cut \$204,000.00 from the budget next year. There will be no program cuts or staff cuts.

Student numbers and class sizes for 2004-2005 have not changed from the last meeting. At this point there will be:

- (3) 1st grade classes
- (3) 2nd grade classes
- (2) 3rd grade classes
- (3) 4th grade classes

We have another small entering kindergarten class. At some point, the town may decide to re-district if the numbers at Southeast continue to stay small.

There will be no PTO meeting next Monday, 5/3/04. There will be a PAC meeting to discuss the playscape. Gordon Schimmel (Superintendent) and Curt Vincente (Director of Parks & Rec) will come to this meeting to help plan our next step.

The playscape committee will look into grants from Bottomless Playgrounds and Willimantic Rotary Club.

Teacher's Report: Jean Phillips
Monique Brown would consider serving as Secretary on the board next year if no one else is interested.

Old Business:

The sock hop has been scheduled for May 21st at 6:30pm. Notices will go home this week. We discussed whether or not to charge for this event, and it was decided to offer it as a free family night and to let the committee decide if they will charge for refreshments. The DJ will cost \$325 for the evening and \$20 extra for lei's. Summer baskets will be auctioned off and it will be a fun family evening with a tropical, summer theme.

Motion #1: The PTO will allocate \$350 for the DJ and up to \$150 for food for the sock hop. \$150 of this will come from Family Night with the remaining funds coming from Type I speakers. Unanimously passed.

The PTO Board for next year is as follows:

President: Kim O'Keefe

Vice President: Stacey Fulton

Secretary: Monique Brown

Treasurer: Dawn Rawlinson

Many thanks to those individuals who have volunteered to serve on the board!

New Business:

The Movin On Ceremony will be on June 15th. Monique Brown is the chairperson for that committee and has several people working with her.

There are presently 230 "Special Persons" coming to Southeast School on May 7th. Kim is still in need of people to help set-up on Thursday, May 6 at 4:30pm.

The Ice Cream Social is Friday, June 4th. We are still in need of people to scoop ice cream.

Motion #2: The PTO will spend up to \$50 to purchase quality ice cream scoops to use at the Ice Cream Social. Unanimously passed.

The Tag Sale is schedule for Saturday, June 5th. Notices will go home this week.

The Scholastic Book Sale will be held June 2-June 4.

Stacey Fulton spent \$15.87 to purchase plants for the Southeast Secretaries on Secretaries Day.

We will stay with Steve Brimmer as the school photographer for the next school year

Stacey Fulton will purchase flowers for Vickie Daniels in appreciation for her work as school nurse. This money should come from the Sunshine Fund.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. We have traditionally celebrated this day on the last day of school by providing lunch for the staff. Stacey Fulton will give the staff small gifts on May 5th and Kate Cox will make a banner. We are looking for two people to coordinate the luncheon on Tuesday, June 22.

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 pm

Submitted by: Margie Ouimette, Secretary

Our Next Meeting will be Monday, June 7, 2004 at 7:00pm.